Taxation on Software Exports under ASIDE

*572. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to include Software exports from Karnataka in the Central Scheme "Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development for Exports" (ASIDE);

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal seeking 2 per cent taxation of software exports to increase the State's revenue; and

(c) whether Government are considering exports of software from Karnataka while fixing the interstate allocation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) to (c) There is no proposal under consideration for including software exports from any State including the State of Karnataka for allocation of funds under Assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme. The present guidelines of ASIDE Scheme provide for allocation of funds to State/ Union Territories on the basis of their merchandise export performance based on the State-wise data compiled by the Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S).

No proposal has been received in the Department of Commerce from the Government of Karnataka seeking 2% taxation on software exports.

Collection of Crime Data from States

*573. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government collects information data from State Governments on the cases of abduction, kidnapping, murders and communal clashes etc. periodically;